



REPORT TO KINCARDINE & MEARN'S AREA COMMITTEE – 29 NOVEMBER 2022

2022 BASED SCHOOL ROLL FORECASTS

1 Executive Summary/Recommendations

1.1 Education & Children's Services publish School Roll Forecasts for all primary and secondary schools in Aberdeenshire on an annual basis.

1.2 The Committee is recommended to:

1.2.1 Note the school roll projections for schools within Kincardine & Mearns

1.2.2 Provide comments on the report for consideration by Education & Children's Services Committee

2 Decision Making Route

2.1 The 2022 based School Roll Forecasts will be discussed at each Area Committee between November 2022 and January 2023. A report will be taken to Education & Children's Services Committee on 2 February 2023 which will combine the information presented to each area committee.

2.2 This report gives area committees the opportunity to consider the schools in their wards and highlight any areas of concern to the Service.

3 Discussion

3.1 The 2022 based School Roll Forecast is attached as Appendix 1. The school roll data used in the forecasts is taken from the annual pupil census which took place in September 2022. Officers continually monitor actual school rolls in order to identify and react to any deviations from the forecast as soon as possible. School Roll Forecasts incorporate information from NHS regarding the number of children under school age living in catchment areas, and take account of all planned housing developments. At the point of preparation, the Local Development Plan 2022 has not been adopted, and therefore changes resulting from new sites will be reflected in the 2023 based school roll forecasts.

3.2 The 2022 pupil census shows that there are 20,864 primary pupils and 15,718 secondary pupils in Aberdeenshire. This is an increase of 45 primary pupils and an increase of 64 secondary pupils since September 2021. Since 2018 there has been an overall increase of 199 pupils attending primary schools in Kincardine & Mearns. There has been an increase of 102 pupils attending Mackie Academy, Mearns Academy and Portlethen Academy for the same time period.

3.3 The following sections highlight any schools within Kincardine & Mearns that are currently or are forecast to operate in excess of capacity. The steps that would be taken to address the capacity pressures will depend on the number of pupils and the length of time that the school roll is likely to exceed capacity. The sections also consider schools that are currently or are forecast to operate at lower than 25% capacity. These are schools operating significantly under capacity. Officers will

continue to monitor and review these schools in line with Aberdeenshire's Learning Estate Strategy as agreed by Education & Children's Services Committee on 18 March 2021.

3.4 Table 1 below provides the school roll forecast for schools within Kincardine & Mearns up to 2027.

Table 1: Kincardine & Mearns School Roll Forecast

School	Capacity	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Current % Capacity	Capacity % 2027
Drumoak	155	133	131	136	139	127	128	127	85%	82%
Durriss	60	45	44	46	55	54	58	62	73%	104%
Mearns Academy	700	685	677	686	695	702	681	692	97%	99%
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Luthermuir	99	45	35	31	27	21	20	19	35%	19%
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St Cyrus	171	139	128	123	130	135	133	134	75%	79%
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Mill O' Forest	434	259	277	289	278	264	264	257	64%	59%

3.5 Kincardine & Mearns Schools Over 100% Capacity in 2022

There are no schools in Kincardine & Mearns that are currently operating in excess of capacity.

3.6 Kincardine & Mearns Schools Over 100% Capacity in 2027

Durriss School is expected to have a rising roll in future sessions due to large P1 cohorts showing in the NHS data for 2024 and 2026. Officers will monitor this closely and will work with the school to identify potential solutions within the current building footprint if required.

Newtonhill School has a rising roll due to housebuilding within Newtonhill and the continued growth of Chapelton. Plans are being developed for the first primary school in Chapelton which will relieve pressure at Newtonhill School.

Pupil numbers at Portlethen Academy have been rising for a number of years due to housebuilding across the cluster, and also due to a considerable number of placing requests for pupils living within Aberdeen City. Officers are refusing placing requests where appropriate to do so, and are working with the school management team as the roll increases.

3.7 Kincardine & Mearns Schools Below 25% Capacity in 2022

Kinneff School is recorded in the forecasts as having a roll of 12 pupils and therefore an occupancy level of 24%. Since the census week in September an additional two pupils have joined the school giving a current roll of 14 pupils in November 2022 and an occupancy level of 28%.

3.8 Kincardine & Mearns Schools Below 25% Capacity in 2027

The roll at Luthermuir School is forecasted to fall over the next five years with the school moving from two classes to one class. Newly allocated sites in the new Local Development Plan could support the school roll when they are progressed.

Kinneff School is also expected to remain as a single class school with relatively low pupil numbers. Officers will continue to monitor changes to pupil numbers.

4 Council Priorities, Implications and Risk

4.1 This report helps deliver the Strategic Priority “Education” and “Health and Wellbeing” within the pillar “Our People”.

4.2 This report helps deliver the Strategic Priority “Estate Modernisation” within the Pillar “Our Economy”, having responsible finances and having an estate that is sustainable, efficient and fit for purpose.

Pillar	Priority
Our People	Education Health & Wellbeing
Our Environment	Infrastructure Resilient Communities
Our Economy	Economy & Enterprise Estate Modernisation

4.3 This report helps deliver against Aberdeenshire Council’s Learning Estates Strategy.

4.4 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendations are agreed.

Subject	Yes	No	N/A
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Financial		X	
Staffing		X	
Equalities and Fairer Duty Scotland		X	
Children and Young People's Rights and Wellbeing		X	
Climate Change and Sustainability		X	
Health and Wellbeing		X	
Town Centre First		X	

- 4.5 There are no staffing or financial implications arising from this report.
- 4.6 The screening section as part of Stage One of the Integrated Impact Assessment process has not identified the requirement for any further detailed assessments to be undertaken. This report provides an annual update on pupil numbers and does not have a differential impact upon any protected characteristics.
- 4.7 The following Risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate Level: ACORP007 Social risk (demographic change) [Corporate Risk Register](#).
- 4.8 The following Risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Strategic Level: ECSR002 Developing Excellence and Equality [Directorate Risk Registers](#). The monitoring of school roll forecasts will help ensure that existing resources are better utilised, particularly in areas with substantial population growth.

5 Scheme of Governance

- 5.1 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report and had no comments to make and are satisfied that the report complies with the [Scheme of Governance](#) and relevant legislation.
- 5.2 The Committee is able to consider and take a decision on this item in terms of Section B.1.2 of the [List of Committee Powers in Part 2A](#) of the Scheme of Governance which allows the Committee to consider, comment on, make recommendations to Services and any other appropriate Committee on any matter or policy which impacts its Area.

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Appendix 1: 2022 School Roll Forecast Summary Table

School	Area	Capacity	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Current % Capacity	% Capacity 2027
Aboyne Academy	Marr	750	725	707	668	662	644	622	627	94%	84%
Aboyne PS	Marr	342	280	266	256	255	257	239	232	78%	68%
Ballater	Marr	145	62	58	56	61	60	68	64	40%	44%
Braemar	Marr	50	32	30	30	30	29	31	26	60%	53%
Crathie	Marr	47	12	11	12	13	14	17	16	24%	33%
Finzean	Marr	71	34	34	34	35	43	43	42	48%	59%
Kincardine O'Neil	Marr	69	29	30	35	36	41	44	46	43%	66%
Logie Coldstone	Marr	47	22	17	16	13	10	10	10	36%	21%
Lumphanan	Marr	100	42	50	49	45	42	41	38	50%	38%
Tarland	Marr	155	100	90	85	76	71	66	58	58%	37%
Torphins	Marr	200	164	154	162	155	155	148	142	77%	71%
Alford Academy	Marr	700	712	704	705	685	665	630	616	101%	88%
Alford PS	Marr	372	365	357	341	348	340	318	297	96%	80%
Cluny	Garioch	120	86	78	83	90	91	88	90	65%	75%
Craigievar	Marr	47	37	33	36	38	41	47	51	70%	110%
Dunecht	Garioch	75	46	49	50	51	48	46	47	65%	62%
Echt	Garioch	75	43	51	59	57	60	56	59	68%	79%
Keig	Marr	50	27	28	32	36	41	42	42	56%	85%
Lumsden	Marr	50	10	14	13	13	14	14	11	28%	23%
Midmar	Garioch	50	29	29	25	27	25	28	31	58%	61%
Monymusk	Marr	75	65	66	74	77	79	79	77	88%	103%
Strathdon	Marr	50	16	16	18	11	12	10	12	32%	25%
Tough	Marr	60	21	21	23	21	16	17	19	35%	32%
Towie	Marr	50	45	39	34	31	34	34	31	78%	63%
Tullynessle	Marr	25	8	10	11	14	14	13	11	39%	46%
Banchory Academy	Marr	930	845	851	863	886	893	892	894	92%	96%
Banchory PS	Marr	550	418	414	438	456	469	479	483	75%	88%
Crathes	Marr	50	33	40	44	48	47	40	37	80%	74%
Drumoak	Kincardine & Mearns	155	133	131	136	139	127	128	127	85%	82%
Durris	Kincardine & Mearns	60	45	44	46	55	54	58	62	73%	104%
Hill of Banchory	Marr	434	369	365	372	370	358	336	318	84%	73%
Banff Academy	Banff & Buchan	1220	923	962	961	979	929	879	816	79%	67%
Aberchirder	Banff & Buchan	225	113	117	112	121	116	113	106	52%	47%
Banff PS	Banff & Buchan	459	332	334	313	296	283	271	276	73%	60%
Bracoden	Banff & Buchan	145	48	42	44	48	54	64	71	29%	49%

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Fordyce	Banff & Buchan	47	34	40	35	33	25	30	31	85%	65%
Macduff	Banff & Buchan	420	277	295	284	265	265	258	268	70%	64%
Ordiquhill	Banff & Buchan	100	55	50	53	54	54	58	54	50%	54%
Portsoy	Banff & Buchan	267	144	123	122	131	133	125	122	46%	46%
Whitehills	Banff & Buchan	134	117	121	137	133	127	130	126	90%	94%
Ellon Academy	Formartine	1300	1179	1124	1141	1152	1132	1141	1131	86%	87%
Arnage	Formartine	75	34	35	31	31	25	29	29	47%	39%
Auchterellon	Formartine	459	338	340	327	332	313	297	304	74%	66%
Balmedie (City)	Formartine	484	394	398	407	434	478	502	524	82%	108%
Ellon PS	Formartine	345	291	300	293	303	303	324	323	87%	94%
Foveran	Formartine	47	36	45	52	46	59	72	86	96%	182%
Hatton (Cruden)	Buchan	155	102	99	98	106	101	100	102	64%	66%
Meiklemill	Formartine	317	220	241	243	232	237	237	254	76%	80%
Newburgh Mathers	Formartine	217	158	158	150	161	158	166	165	73%	76%
Slains	Formartine	50	25	24	29	25	27	24	24	48%	47%
Tipperty	Formartine	50	26	22	18	13	13	10	8	44%	16%
Fraserburgh Academy	Banff & Buchan	1450	1094	1125	1108	1117	1124	1107	1099	78%	76%
Crimond	Buchan	155	83	84	83	79	69	59	59	54%	38%
Fraserburgh North	Banff & Buchan	217	103	96	99	89	75	79	74	44%	34%
Fraserburgh South Park	Banff & Buchan	550	354	366	346	339	314	296	283	67%	51%
Inverallochy	Banff & Buchan	155	118	123	132	139	144	152	163	79%	105%
Lochpots	Banff & Buchan	267	197	192	187	192	202	198	213	72%	80%
Rathen	Banff & Buchan	90	62	60	68	70	78	74	68	67%	76%
Rosehearty	Banff & Buchan	217	149	147	150	146	137	136	138	68%	64%
Sandhaven	Banff & Buchan	100	93	95	82	70	62	60	51	95%	51%
St Andrew's, Fraserburgh	Banff & Buchan	429	333	315	337	364	366	374	373	73%	87%
St Combs	Buchan	100	63	71	74	78	74	67	57	71%	57%
Tyrie	Banff & Buchan	71	17	15	15	15	17	18	20	21%	28%
Gordon Schools	Marr	870	674	685	682	734	732	739	736	79%	85%
Cairney	Marr	50	20	21	24	23	25	25	26	42%	52%
Clatt	Marr	50	School Mothballed							0%	0%
Drumblade	Marr	60	52	51	45	42	43	35	30	85%	51%
Forge	Marr	45	25	18	20	18	24	25	28	40%	62%
Gartly	Marr	50	School Mothballed							0%	0%
Glass	Marr	47	16	16	13	15	17	15	18	33%	38%

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Gordon PS	Marr	434	364	354	368	362	348	345	346	82%	80%
Insch	Garioch	368	339	334	331	312	297	287	278	91%	75%
Kennethmont	Marr	75	54	71	69	70	68	65	59	95%	79%
Largue	Marr	50	13	13	11	14	18	17	18	26%	35%
Premnay	Garioch	75	43	46	49	51	48	45	40	61%	54%
Rhynie	Marr	71	37	37	34	37	35	31	32	52%	45%
Inverurie Academy	Garioch	1600	1141	1195	1264	1347	1381	1358	1368	75%	85%
Chapel of Garioch	Garioch	71	33	31	31	31	34	37	40	44%	57%
Hatton (Fintray)	Garioch	60	47	41	45	44	37	42	43	68%	72%
Keithhall	Garioch	47	23	33	37	39	37	35	37	70%	80%
Kellands	Garioch	442	420	419	403	384	369	351	332	95%	75%
Newmachar (City)	Garioch	484	376	386	381	384	422	456	483	80%	100%
Oyne	Garioch	75	54	51	48	46	37	34	34	68%	45%
Port Elphinstone	Garioch	155	82	77	88	103	118	131	150	50%	97%
Strathburn	Garioch	480	440	437	433	426	424	419	408	91%	85%
Uryside	Garioch	589	398	414	472	513	567	582	580	70%	99%
Kemnay Academy	Garioch	730	959	982	974	941	949	954	957	135%	131%
Alehousewells	Garioch	217	135	122	120	113	113	104	105	56%	48%
Kemnay PS	Garioch	252	203	211	206	213	218	211	206	84%	82%
Kinellar	Garioch	484	379	356	332	321	316	304	294	74%	61%
Kintore	Garioch	459	422	386	372	359	315	311	302	84%	66%
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Luthermuir	Kincardine & Mearns	99	45	35	31	27	21	20	19	35%	19%
Marykirk	Kincardine & Mearns	50	42	46	41	49	48	42	43	92%	85%
Redmyre	Kincardine & Mearns	75	60	64	52	47	43	45	43	85%	57%
St Cyrus	Kincardine & Mearns	171	139	128	123	130	135	133	134	75%	79%
Meldrum Academy	Formartine	1050	1017	1007	1026	1057	1070	1092	1096	96%	104%
Barthol Chapel	Formartine	50	26	23	27	28	33	33	37	46%	73%
Cultercullen	Formartine	75	55	44	46	49	50	49	50	59%	66%
Daviot	Formartine	120	95	92	88	84	77	71	67	77%	56%
Logie Durno	Garioch	45	32	45	37	37	34	33	27	100%	61%

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Methlick	Formartine	150	109	107	113	115	130	137	133	71%	89%
Old Rayne	Garioch	75	55	59	60	63	63	61	64	79%	85%
Pitmedden	Formartine	242	145	163	164	165	163	163	150	67%	62%
Rayne North	Garioch	74	58	60	50	50	52	48	49	81%	66%
Rothienorman	Formartine	150	137	135	132	128	136	132	129	90%	86%
Tarves	Formartine	217	145	128	162	172	180	181	168	59%	78%
Udny Green	Formartine	100	52	56	46	47	55	54	58	56%	58%
Mintlaw Academy	Buchan	900	876	892	879	883	886	873	876	99%	97%
Auchnagatt	Buchan	75	66	73	76	72	74	62	60	97%	79%
Fetterangus	Buchan	75	46	39	38	51	51	54	54	52%	73%
Kininmonth	Buchan	50	28	30	25	17	12	11	9	60%	17%
Longside	Buchan	217	155	163	163	169	158	159	156	75%	72%
Maud	Buchan	125	100	89	91	85	85	79	76	71%	61%
Mintlaw PS	Buchan	217	174	174	171	170	173	183	190	80%	88%
New Deer	Buchan	180	104	117	119	129	132	137	144	65%	80%
New Pitsligo & St John's	Buchan	155	114	119	124	122	113	104	99	77%	64%
Pitfour	Buchan	180	94	100	111	131	134	134	135	56%	75%
Strichen	Buchan	150	127	132	126	126	130	135	133	88%	88%
Stuartfield	Buchan	150	124	121	122	136	135	134	136	81%	90%
Peterhead Academy	Buchan	1700	1213	1225	1238	1274	1279	1282	1281	72%	75%
Boddam	Buchan	217	110	99	106	110	111	117	133	46%	61%
Buchanhaven	Buchan	523	441	444	421	416	417	411	410	85%	78%
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Port Erroll	Buchan	242	106	117	117	121	121	130	140	48%	58%
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Catterline	Kincardine & Mearns	73	48	44	40	38	41	39	38	60%	53%
Dunnottar	Kincardine & Mearns	195	169	163	158	163	147	148	143	84%	73%
Glenbervie	Kincardine & Mearns	100	80	78	68	67	61	58	52	78%	52%
Gourdon	Kincardine & Mearns	100	76	76	72	75	66	66	59	76%	59%
Johnshaven	Kincardine & Mearns	50	32	35	42	49	44	43	38	70%	76%
Kinneff	Kincardine & Mearns	50	10	12	11	9	9	9	9	24%	19%
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Auchterless	Formartine	75	52	55	54	54	48	35	35	73%	46%
Crudie	Banff & Buchan	50	25	28	28	25	22	18	16	56%	32%
Easterfield	Formartine	25	School Mothballed							0%	0%
Fintry	Formartine	50	24	20	18	13	9	12	12	40%	23%
Fisherford	Formartine	30	School Mothballed							0%	0%
Fyvie	Formartine	155	120	120	110	111	108	99	98	77%	63%
King Edward	Banff & Buchan	47	25	18	16	8	9	10	11	38%	23%
Monquhitter	Formartine	217	116	119	124	126	127	122	129	55%	59%
Turriff Primary	Formartine	559	442	434	426	416	437	439	435	78%	78%
Westhill Academy	Garioch	1000	830	823	850	899	886	890	910	82%	91%
Crombie	Garioch	342	316	326	330	321	315	280	264	95%	77%
Elrick	Garioch	442	371	380	365	356	356	346	335	86%	76%
Skene	Garioch	100	69	62	60	66	61	57	51	62%	51%
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